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PER CAPITA INCOME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita income in the country at present;

(b) whether the existing per capita income is considered to be low from the development view point;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the per capita income?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

(a) The per capita income in the country during 2006-07 as per the Revised Estimates released on 31st May 2007, is estimated to be Rs. 29,382 at current prices.

(b)& (c): There is no norm from the development point of view to indicate whether the per capita income is low or high. However, according to the World Bank`s World Development Indicators database, 2007, the per capita Gross National Income of India for the year 2006 was US $820 per annum and India ranked161 in a list of 209 countries. In terms of purchasing power parity, the per capita income for India in 2006 was US $3800 per annum and ranked 145 out of 209 countries.

(d): There are multi pronged strategies to raise growth rate of the economy and to increase the per capita income. Some of the measures taken by the government to improve the GDP include raising public investment in agriculture, infrastructure like power and roads, health and education; improving governance and enhancing the efficiency of the delivery system. The details of strategies and measures to improve the per capita income are listed in the Approach Paper to Eleventh Five Year Plan which has been placed in the Parliament Library.